

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraphs beginning after the heading "Description of Drawings" on pages 5-6 as follows:

FIG. 1 and FIG. 1a illustrates perspective and partially enlarged views, respectively, of a reinforcing strip in accordance with the present invention;

FIG. 2 and FIG. 2a ~~is a~~ are a perspective view and an enlarged view illustrating a method for placing a reinforcing strip in accordance with a first embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 3, FIG. 3a and FIG. 3b ~~is~~ are a perspective view and enlarged views illustrating a method for placing a reinforcing strip in accordance with a second embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 4 and FIG. 4a ~~is~~ are a perspective view and an enlarged view illustrating a method for placing a reinforcing strip in accordance with a third embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 5 and FIG. 5a are ~~is~~ a perspective view and an enlarged view illustrating a method for placing a reinforcing strip in accordance with a fourth embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 6 is an enlarged perspective view of a portion of the reinforcing strip connected to a block in the method of the present invention;

FIG. 7 is a plan view illustrating a method for placing a reinforcing strip in accordance with a fifth embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 8 and FIG. 8a are ~~is~~ a perspective view and an enlarged view illustrating a method for placing a reinforcing strip in accordance with a sixth embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 9 and FIG. 9a are ~~is~~ a perspective view and an enlarged view illustrating a method for placing a reinforcing strip in accordance with a seventh embodiment of the present invention; and

FIG. 10 and FIG. 10a are ~~is~~ a perspective view and an

enlarged view illustrating the placement of a conventional reinforcing strip.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 15 of page 6 as follows:

FIG. 1 and FIG. 1a, respectively, illustrate~~illustrates~~ perspective and partially enlarged views of a reinforcing strip in accordance with the present invention. The reinforcing strip 10 of the present invention comprises a plurality of polyester fabric bundles 12 arranged in parallel, and a polyethylene clothing layer 14 covering the outer surfaces of the polyester fabric bundles 12. A folding groove 16 is formed in the central portion of the reinforcing strip 10 in the lengthwise direction of the reinforcing strip 10 such that the folding groove 16 has a smaller thickness than other portions of the reinforcing strip, and protrusions 18 for displaying the length of the reinforcing strip, which are rectilinearly arranged in the lengthwise direction of the reinforcing strip 10 and are separated from each other by a designated interval of 50 cm or 1 m, are formed in the widthwise direction of the reinforcing strip 10.